



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/216,206	12/18/1998	HEIDI KAY	EWG-079	1079

7590 01/18/2005

IAN R. BLUM
DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN & OSHINSKY LLP
1177 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
41ST FLOOR
NEW YORK,, NY 10036-2714

EXAMINER

MYHRE, JAMES W

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

3622

DATE MAILED: 01/18/2005

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Examiner's Initiated Suspension

1. On September 22, 2004, the Applicant concurrently filed a Petition to Change Inventorship and an Amendment in the present application. The outcome of the Petition to Change Inventorship has a material bearing on the patentability of the claims in this application. Prosecution in this application is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the mailing date of this letter. Upon the rendering of a decision of the petition, the Office will initiate a Response to the concurrently filed Amendment. If such a Response is not received by the end of the suspension period, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Exr. James W. Myhre whose telephone number is (703) 308-7843. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

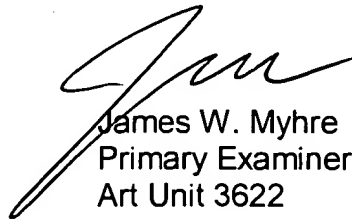
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric Stamber, can be reached on (703) 305-8469. The fax phone number for Formal or Official faxes to Technology Center 3600 is (703) 872-9306. Draft or Informal faxes, which will not be entered in the application, may be submitted directly to the examiner at (703) 746-5544.

Art Unit: 3622

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group Receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

Handwritten signature of JWM in cursive script.

December 29, 2004

Handwritten signature of James W. Myhre in cursive script.
James W. Myhre
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 3622